



# CAMPAIGN NONVIOLENCE

A Call For Nationwide Nonviolent Action  
For a World Free From War, Poverty, Racism, Environmental  
Destruction and the Epidemic of Violence

Campaign Nonviolence invites all people of faith, conscience, and good will to take to the streets September 18-25 in hundreds of cities across the United States in the spirit of nonviolence to speak out publicly for an end to war, poverty, racism, and environmental destruction—and to begin to build a new culture of peace and nonviolence.

During this week of nationwide nonviolent action, Campaign Nonviolence:

- Calls for hundreds of local demonstrations in cities across the nation dramatically urging concrete policy shifts toward reversing the climate crisis, ending poverty, and abolishing war.
- We recommend that local and regional actions feature a nonviolent march from a place of peace—such as a religious setting or a park—to an appropriate government facility to rally, pray, witness, or engage in nonviolent direct action. Through these forms of public action we will take a stand against the existing culture of violence—marked by war, poverty, the climate crisis, and many other forms of destructiveness—and publicly declare our resolve to create a culture of peace and nonviolence
- We urge every peace, justice, environmental, and religious group in the nation—local, regional and national—to join this national movement to connect the dots between war, poverty, racism and environmental destruction; to join forces in challenging these interrelated realities; and to join together in calling for a new cultural shift toward peace and nonviolence.
- Just as Campaign Nonviolence will connect the dots between war, poverty, racism and the environment, it will connect the dots between actions in Seattle and Chattanooga, Chicago and Los Angeles, Santa Fe and Kansas City, Memphis and Hartford, Aimes and Buffalo, Davis and Iowa City, and many other cities.



The survival and well-being of our planet and all of its inhabitants hinge on deepening and broadening the potential for nonviolent transformation. Campaign Nonviolence calls on all of us to connect, collaborate with, and cheer on all initiatives for peace, economic and racial justice, and environmental healing. Together, we can help build a long-term consensus for ending war, poverty, and environmental destruction—and contribute to mobilizing people power for translating that emerging conviction into concrete change. The September 18-25 nationwide actions will support this by urging this change as the nation prepares to go to the polls during the Congressional elections in November.

Martin Luther King, Jr. told us that “the choice is no longer between violence or nonviolence; it’s nonviolence or non-existence.” We invite everyone to join Campaign Nonviolence and start planning public action for justice, peace and environmental sustainability in September before the Congressional elections. Building on these actions, Campaign Nonviolence will move forward into the future – mainstreaming nonviolence and taking action to promote a new culture of peace and nonviolence. Together we can tap the power of nonviolent change, reenergize our movements, and choose with Martin Luther King, Jr. the vision and way of active nonviolence.

Between now and September, Campaign Nonviolence invites each of us to sharpen our vision of a new culture of peace and nonviolence by:

- Gathering with others to study and to practice nonviolence. (We encourage people to read and study [The Nonviolent Life](#) and [Engage: Exploring Nonviolent Living](#).)
- Connecting the dots locally, nationally and globally between war, poverty, racism and the climate change crisis.
- Joining with local and national organizations working for justice, peace, and environmental sustainability to support their work and to collaborate in taking nonviolent action during the week of Sept. 18-25. (See all CNV endorsing organizations [here](#).)
- Discussing nonviolence in our homes, schools, churches, justice and peace groups, and with our local media and politicians to raise awareness of a new culture of peace and nonviolence.
- Using or adapting the [Campaign Nonviolence Organizing Checklist and Timeline](#).
- Pursuing a comprehensive media strategy—focused on both mainstream media and social media—that will raise the visibility of these hundreds of local nonviolent actions and frame them as part of a national mobilization.

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